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### **Wasatch County Announces Additional COVID-19 Case and Board of Health Recommendations Issued to Reduce the Spread of COVID-19**

Wasatch County, Utah (March 17, 2020) – Wasatch County is announcing a second COVID-19 as well as measures taken by the Wasatch County Board of Health yesterday.

The new case is an individual between the ages of 18-35, not related to Wasatch High School; however, it has been linked to a case in Summit County.

Implementing preventative measures, the Wasatch County Board of Health met yesterday, March 16, and with support of the Wasatch County Emergency Management Board issued recommendations to slow the spread of COVID-19 in Wasatch County.

“We are very concerned about protecting the health of Wasatch County residents,” said Probst. “The measures that we are recommending are an effort to reduce the spread of COVID-19 locally.”

Consistent with the Utah Governor’s office and CDC’s guidelines, Wasatch County’s directive is that no mass gatherings over 50 people shall be held. In the event any individual over the age of sixty (60) is present, the size of such gathering shall be limited to twenty (20). In addition, access to long-term care facilities shall be limited to close family relatives and facility staff.

Wasatch County is also recommending that restaurants, bars, bowling alleys, and theaters should operate on a limited basis to maximize social distancing, including limiting the number of diners to 50% of fire code capacity or their permitted seat capacity, whichever is most constrictive. These facilities should also arrange customers in such a way as to maximize social distancing and achieve a distance of 6 feet between groups of customers. In-facility dining should be by reservation in order to manage numbers. Counter service restaurants should restrict service to take out or drive through service only.

Lodging facilities in Wasatch County should discontinue use of all communal facilities (pools, hot tubs, saunas, team rooms, fitness centers, dining rooms, conference rooms, etc.). Food items may be delivered to rooms. Other public gathering places such as gyms, health clubs, recreational facilities, churches, and performance clubs should have access limited to the above recommendations of 50 or less people, 20 or less if patrons are over the age of 60 and social distancing is practiced. The Wasatch County Health Department will not approve any new mass gathering permits until further notice.

General recommendations for businesses and workplaces include implementing social distancing measures in communal areas; staff should not handle cash or credit cards. Management should ensure daily that no employee who presents symptoms of illness would be permitted to work. Where appropriate, employers should encourage employees to work remotely from home.

These measures shall remain in effect for the next 30 days.

If you have questions about COVID-19, contact the Utah COVID-19 Information Line at 1-800-456-7707. You may also visit the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at [cdc.gov/covid19](https://cdc.gov/covid19), the State of Utah COVID-19 website at [coronavirus.utah.gov](https://coronavirus.utah.gov), or the Wasatch County website at [coronavirus.wasatch.utah.gov](https://coronavirus.wasatch.utah.gov).

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